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DATA)

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NOVELTY - The method involves determining, prior to encoding the current frame, a maximum bit size for the current frame preventing an underflow of the current frame from the decoder buffer to the decoder.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION - A bit size is allocated for the current frame in accordance with the determined maximum bit size for the current frame. When the second signal has a variable bit-encoding rate and the current frame is not decoded until after the set switching time, the ****maximum**** bit

****size**** is determined in accordance with and ***estimate**** of the decoder ****buffer**** fullness at the set switching time. An INDEPENDENT CLAIM is included for a method of allocating a bit size for a current frame in a group of pictures, a method of allocating a bit budget for a current frame, and a computer readable ****storage**** medium.

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PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED - To provide an automatic monitoring system for input and output performance surely and early monitoring the deterioration of the input and output performance of an input and output device.

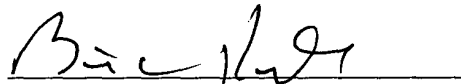
SOLUTION: In this automatic monitoring system for input and output performance, the ***estimated*** ***maximum*** number of input and output competition, ***maximum*** ***length*** of transmission ***data***, and performance monitor interval value are stored in a main ***storage*** device 20 by an inputting means 11 of information specific to a system, and input and output execution with the ***maximum*** input and output time sampling means 12, and the load of each input and output path is averaged by an input and output load distribution controlling means 13, and the accumulation totals of the necessary input and output time of each input and output path and the number of times of executed input and output are stored into the device 20 by an input and output statistical information obtaining means 14, and an abnormal part is specified from an input and output performance upper limit value by an input and output performance monitoring means 15, and the path of the abnormal part is closed at the time of the invalidity of use by a device re-constituting means 16, and the fault contents and faults parts are communicated to a fault phenomenon communicating means 17.

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PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To prevent the degradation of a communication performance by performing the return of acknowledgment (ACK) at suitable timing.

SOLUTION: In the case of starting communication between respective communication and points 110B of computer systems 100A and 100B, a *buffer* *size* reporting part 120A (120B) to the computer system reported *maximum* capacity in a *buffer* *size* *storage* part 11B (111A). An ACK return timing *calculating* part 140B (140A) discriminates whether the amount of data stored in the transmission/reception buffer 112B (112A) satisfies a prescribed ratio to the maximum capacity of the transmission/reception buffer 112B (112A) or maximum capacity of the transmission/reception buffer 112A (112B) or not or whether it is after the lapse of prescribed time from the last ACK return or not.

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